HER BRIEF HOUR OF TRIUMPH

A ROMANCE OF THE HOP-FIELDS.

BY MARGUERITE STABLER.

widening when he talked to her, which

enough-and altogether her open ad-

miration put a fine gilts edge on his

"Is it possible you have never been

"No, I've never been there," she ad-

idea of rusticity that admission might

"Have you over thought you might

pole. His glance was very direct this

But just then the Sacramento trata

thundered by on the trestle, drowning

And on the the heels of that, the noon

lie's feet touching the ground only in

thoughts miles away from the scene

about him, and the hope of his heart

mitted on getting on the 'varsity foot-

By the end of the ceason Miss Mol-

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o a dancing hall. The rables had

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rafters, while he don't that ren

length of the room on both side;

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my bottles, into enclos? which were

After the good efficient and endour

Pinny Smith, with a nich in a yellow

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blen there were pollar, quantities, -notifisches, and dance - ble town-bred

had forgotten, or rever learned

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may thing that represented the price

several long days' picking, so she

whit not seem to notice Spike-and

breath in fear lest he should reach

T first. The fellow in the leggings

cas so interested in his surroundings

he walked slowly, and Splke, she say

was gaining. In a second he would be

within speaking range and all would

he lost. The next instant she cose to

her feet, turned her buck on the crest

fallen Spike, and reached her hand

oward the tall fellow, approaching in

When the accordion began to wall

out "The Blue and the Gray" the may

found to his surprise this fittle back

hop, nor "scrape matches," nor stiffen

like a poker in his arms; she danced

with that lithe free grace with which

a bird flies, or a fish swimp, because it

was the natural expression of her

oods beauty could dance. She didn't

is leisurely, indifferent manner.

plke had started toward her at the

his eve caugar Mollie's, h

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lie's social circle had narrowed down

ball team.

self and them.

went on. "Wouldn't you like-

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66 C AY, Mollie," said Nolan, in even his dauntless good humor went off-hand manner, down under their clumsy efforts at "what's that fellow in the consolution. But Mike Nolan was not the only one

leggings doln' up here?" The sun had passed the meridian, and the shadows were beginning to memory. There were Pinny, and Spike fall on Nolan's side. The hop-field code and Big Terry, into whose young and of courtesy demands that when a man susceptible nearts her black eyes had is picking with a "lady" he give her burned big holes, now not even seen always the shady side. But Nolan, in when they passed her on the row, his perturbation of mind, forgor his, The eyes under the sombrero lost nothing of the situation. This little

'Nothin'," came indifferently from gld was undoubtedly pretty after a Mollie, feeling the rays pelting down sort of wild-rose type, she certainly upon her head, and remembering the was the only one in the field who could thoughtfulness of the fellow in the help to make the long hot days enleggings in pulling the fullest vines durable to him. Her eyes had a way of down on her side.

"Say, Mollie," asked Nolan, persua- was highly agreeable to him, and he sively, after a half-hour's silence, dur. spared no opportunity to produce that ing which thus several couples and effect. Her cheeks, too, and a frank changed sides so that the girl might little way of going pink-sometimes have the benefit of the shade, "what red-when the allusion was direct was he hangin' round you all mornin' for?"

"Nothin"!" The black eyes were self-esteem. stubbornly glued to their work, while to San Francisco?" he asked her, one beads of perspiration stood out on the round, tanned cheeks. day.

Thereafter, vine after vine was reached and stripped in oppressive taitted, apologetically, "but," silence. At length, after having de- bastened to add, in order to dispel any cided to adopt a course of moody silence, which should break the bave given, "I've been twice to Red haughty spirit of this girl, and make Blua", and we live only nine miles from her hang upon his slightest word, Coon Creek." Nolan heard himself say, before he knew it, in tender, coaxing tones: like to live there?" he pursued, reach-"Say, Mollie, what was he talkin' to has up to pull down a cut vine from the you about, anywny?"

"Nothin'!" Mollie's chin went into time, and his tones full of meaning, the air and her lips suapped together. It was pretty to see her eyes and like the blades of a jack-knife. The checks glow with a deeper hue, so inbeads of perspiration had grown into tent was he on noting the effect he rivulets that trickled from nose to could produce with the alightest touch. chin, and splashed into the basket. He did not wait for an answer, but The foreman of the field rode by several times, and noticed gratefully there was less talking and more work being done between the two than usual, his words, but not the look in his eyes. and when at last the shadows grew ao long it did not matter which side of bell rang, at which everybody quit the row she was on, and the sun began work, and they walked up to the setto redden behind a bank of smoke and dement together in silence-little Moldust, the joyful sound of the quitting bell pealed over the fields.

Arms just lifted to reach a vine, hands in the act of stripping a branch, fingers just crooked to pick a last hop, stopped and fell empty at the sound of that first tap. The unhappy Nolan could not stop his thoughts so quickly, nor resist a last appealing. "Say, Mollie, what's the matter with You, anyway?"

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But the maid only threw a defiant tastes to be of the climbing variety. "Nothin'is over her shoulder as she and had reached the fatal conclusion was joined at the end of the row by a that not one of her old friends at Coon tall fellow in leggings. The black eyes Creek possessed a particle of culture lost their defiance, the lips rippled into of style. And when, before dispersing smiles as she pushed her sun-bonnet for another year, the pickers prepared back and looked up into the langhing to give a grand ball in honor of the face under the sombrero.

"Great place, isn't 115" the tall fellow said, half to himself, as he gulf that now yawned between herwatched the pickers filing by-Chinamen, Indians, Japs, and whites of every brand, and all sorts of conditions. of "hobes." of course, in plentitude, but the majority of the pickers were "kerchlefs for stiff celluloid collars, and the men who, after harvesting their the girls wash out a sprigged lawn havishing peanuts and gum on the own meagra little hay crops, packed frock, and are radiant and ready for crowd, and though he saw her, he did their waghns, loaded in their families. the frolic, But Mollle, with a reck- not look up. She drew her bonnet

up as usual and asked her for a dance. but the next one was always engaged. Nolan looked a moment longingly in her direction when he caught the first bar of "The Honeysuckle and the Bee," but having heard of the treatment ac corded the other fellows, he turned and consoled himself with the Heneasy girls.

When at last the dance was over, when the accordion had wheezed out the plaintive strains of "Home, Sweet Home," and the happy dancers paired off in twos for the best part of the evening's fun-the walk home in the moonlight-Mollie wondered, in her simple little soul, if heaven could be suddenly effaced from the girl's fickle any better than this.

Hor companion did not tell her that ie was going away the next morning until they had reached her own tent He had fancied she might be doors sorry, but had not imagined she woold care so much. He was sorry the moon ca. The fact is that a grizzly is about was not brighter, for he knew he was missing much of the tell-tale play of expression in her eyes and checks, And when, after repeated protestations of emembering her until his dying day, and promises of coming up to Coon Creek to visit Uncle Sy's dairy ranch the very first chance he get, he took hand to say "good-by" and bent so low her cheeks flamed up as red as her lips. Bur she could not have been so augry us she pretended to be, because, after the lights were out all up and down the line, they were still aying "good-by."

It was not a long walk to Hoptown station, and next day the tall young fellow, again in tweeds and a Panama hat, tramped up and down the platform, impatient to be back into the stir and bustle of the life he had left, and recounting to himself for the hundredth time his chances of getting op the 'varsity team as half-back.

"Hello, old man!" he shouted, as he jumped on the step, wondering at this gathering of the clans.

beast.

"Hello! Hello!" a volley of voices but. school as he entered the car. "Just country down from Shasta," one of the fellows explained; "my sister and some friends of hers in the car. Come on? The train moved slowly when it rossed the trestle. Mollie had counted on that, and hurrled to the end of the hop-field so she might get a last smiling adieu from the car window. Four, five, six windows slipped by, and her heart began to fail, but at the eighth, there he was, looking toward her, too. The black eyes widened as the window came abreast of her fence-post. Yes. his head was turned in her direction. but why, oh why, did he not see her high places, her foolish little head handkerchief waving wildly at himiway up in the clouds, the man's The next moment brought into view a fair-haired girl in the seat behind him. and the same look, the same smile she had lived upon all these weeks were bent upon the new face. It could not be possible that he had forgotten her already! Still, trusting little Mollis to few more than her own family, and waved her handkerchief, and then her one tall man. She had discovered her bonnet. His head was turned in her direction, but he had eyes for no one but this trim-looking girl - with the dotted vell. A moment more and the train was gone, the rear end of the baggage car grew smaller and dimmer. forest grew above them. till it was out of sight.

When the forlorn little figure turned wind up of the hop-season. Mollie deback to the hop-field, a great, dry sob termined to show them the size of the in her throat and an empty ache in her heart, the one or two Coon Creek people she met let her see they had learned These hop-pickers' dances are open they were not expected to speak to her. to every one, so there are not many At a turn in the road she passed a There was the objectionable element lines of social distinction drawn. The bilarious group of pickers exchanging

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C AN BERNARDINO, Cal .- "The the hill, there will be no danger of his most absurd thing that East- getting wind of the hunter and lightern people believe they know ing out for parts unknown. Having about grizzly hears," said Cap about grizzly bears," said Capain Harvey Deddam, the most famous to it four or five times a day, and cat until he can hold no more, and when reteran trapper and hunter in Californot eating he will lie in the nearest ila nowadays, "is that they are the nost ferocious beasts on foot in Amer- thick timber to it.

BEARS AS FIGHTERS.

he most peaceable of critters. I have "It doesn't take a griggly long to can illed over 200 of them, and thousands up a horse. Several years ago a guide of smaller wild game, in my forty went on a spring bear hunt with a New rears in the Sierras. Now, a grizzly York sportsman. They killed a horse aever picks a quarrel, and never atfor halt on the side of a hill as just de acks anybody, except when it is scribed, and going to it the next morn wounded, and I have even known a ing found that two-thirds of it had reizzly smarting with a rifle ball to been eaten during the night. They sat jet up and run away. However, when behind the screen of pines to watch, wounded grizzly charges straight at and in less than an hour three line grizzlies came out from the pines and sauntered up the hill to the bair. The first shot the hunter fired took one of them in the brain, and he sank down without a kick, while the others sat og their haunches and gazed stupidly around. The next shot brained another one, and the remaining one, and the largest of them all, started to run. But a ball through the heart keeled him over, and so in less than a minute f he would save himself from being they had three fine grizzlies, all of

torn into shreds by the infuriated good size and wearing thick coats of prime fur.

"There are very few grizzly bears in "A bear chase is often a long and Southern California. I have not seen tiresome piece of work, for when a one in this region for a dozen years, bear finds that it is tracked it picks taken as a whole, there are about out the most taugled paths. It often is many black and grizzly bears mong the Sierras and Coast Range leads the hunter twenty miles over mountains and through valleys, where Mountains as there were twenty-five the brush and briars are harassing. cears ago. The beasts have retired and the swamps almost inaccessible to further back among the cauons and up man, although the bear shuffles along on the mountain sides. It seems like with his clumsy gait as rapidly as if a foolish statement, but the clearing of on the best of roads. I once followed imber from the mountains has helped a bear thirty miles in a day and a the increase of the bruin tribe. When moonlight night. I never knew such the timber was thick the bears were cute beast as she was. She would compelled to skirmish more for food. hide behind rocks and boulders as and had to depend to a great degree well as any boy sceking escape, and on roots and bark and on the rather run as fast when she knew I had a scanty supplies which the pigpens and chance to fire at her. At last she got sheepfolds of the scattered ranches away by dodging into some boulders. afforded them. The clearing of the when I was too tired to follow her woods has been followed by the aplonger. pearance of all kinds of berry bushes,

"A bear hunter's outfit is simple: A the fruit of which forms the favorite good up-to-date rifle, heavy boots, thick food of the bears. At the same time trousers, a light hunting axe in a belt, the cutting of the timber has not disa pistol, and a long-bladed knife for emergencies. If a hunter is anxious lurbed the character of the dense haparrals, in the confines of which to be put on his mettle while on the he bears find safe places for breedhunt, let him give the bear a scent of ing. The rocky ledges, with their rahim. Then the bear will take a course vines and caverus, still remain alwhich will require nerve, wind, and a most unvisited by man, and there the tough skin to follow. When the snow shaggy critters find winter lairs as se-Is deep, a bear chase is generally slow cure and comfortable as when the and tedlous. With a light fall and a fresh track, however, there is no sport so exciting, and even an amateur

"How big are grizzly bears? The size hunter will find himself going miles carles according to the length of the on a good stiff trot. It is no hard matsummer season and abundance of food | ter to kill a bear if the dogs understand in the locality in which they are found. their business when the bear is brought I believe the largest grizzlies are those to bay, for it will give all its attention in California, where long hibernation is to the dogs that are yelping around it, bot necessary, and where there is good while the hunter stands off and fills bear food any month the year round. him with lead. But there are times Now, the Rocky Mountain grizzlies in when a bear will brace himself for a Montana and Idaho are generally 200 fight from the word 'go,' and then if and 300 pounds lighter than their Cali- the hunter does not kill at the first fornia cousins. The Montana and lire, he is apt to have about as lively a Idaho grizzlies hibernate at least four- time as he ever dreamed of. No story



pre-eminently fashionable and are ex- peau de crepe-these are some of the ceedingly becoming to youthful figures,

MISSES' BLOUSE JACKET.

cludes the new and becoming shoulder

capes but so arranged that the blouse

can be left plain when preferred. The

original is made of royal blue broad-

suiting and jacket materials are appro-

under-arm gores and is fitted by means

of shoulder and under-arm seams. The

back is smooth and without fulness,

the basque portions, the seam being

are arranged over the shoulders and

joined at the neck, to which is at-

tached the collar that rolls over with

the fronts to form lapels. The sleeves

are full in bishop style, and are gath-

ered into roll-over cuffs, but the cuffs

may be omitted and the sleeves fin-

ished in bell style or the plain coat

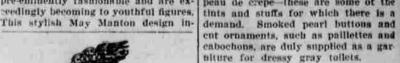
sleeves used as shown in small sketch.

for the medium size (fourteen years)

is five vards twenty-one inches wide,

The quantity of material required

stituted if preferred.



Spider Web Lattices.

Such a dainty little blouse in crepe de chine, a robin's egg in blue, is shirred both as to the blouse proper and the sleeves. The whole yoke, with extensions over the sleeve tops and the cuffs are composed of lattices made of narrow folds of the dainty blue crepe de chine. And in every little square between these folds there is a spider's web done in the same shade of blue. These are exquisitely effective, not te mention their utility in holding the open-work scheme together. Where this open-work is joined to the crepe de chine there are clever lace medallions en applique. These are of vary-ing sizes, and the figures are accented by the narrowest pale blue velvet baby ribbon, which is run in and out

Fruit and Millinery.

cloth with collar and cuffs of velvet The plum, grape and orange reigu and makes part of a costume, but all in the color world in millinery. All shades of these fruits are used in all priate. The edges are simply finished sorts of materials, though as to out with tailor stitching in corticelli silk. line the grape predominates. The but plain or fancy braid may be sub-mushroom shades are combined with but plain or fancy braid may be subthese with charming effect. The blouse consists of front, back and

A Pretty Ornament.

A pretty ornament for the hair is a single short white ostrich feather, with but the fronts blouse becomingly over two small, tiny ostrich tips in color at the belt. To the lower edge are seamed [the base. These are in some ornaments plak or pale blue, and others have the concealed by the belt. The triple capes two feathers of black.

In Red and Black.

In red and black is a pretty feather ornament for the hair. There are two tiny red tips, these showered with black, while between them are raised algrettes in red and black.

Woman's Blouse Jacket.

Stole effects make one of the most marked features of the season, and are seen upon the latest wraps of all sorts two yards forty-four inches wide or This very stylish blouse jacket com-



is foe, it is generally a most terrifyng thing in furs and claws. Imagine, f you can, the sensations which a lone uniter has when he is charged upon ov a half-ton beast that comes boundng straight at him, with swaying head and open mouth, uttering a deep roar it every bound, Consider how the nunter feels when he knows that a ball must instantly be planted in a cery vital spot in the bear's anatomy

SIZE OF THE GRIZZLY.

setback every year for the heasts, espe-

and Arizona grizzlies don't have any

ADVICE FOR HUNTERS.

for the bear to appear. As on this

that slope of the Sierras the wind is

With these families it is hop-fields. a regular institution, and the one interesting occasion of the year. Here now acquaintances are made, foot-hill gossip exchanged for tule district scandals, firtations and romances spring up, flourish, and die, with the hops, and most of the back country belles date their social debut from the Saturday night dances.

Mollie atnie a one-sided glance at the fellow in the leggings, and took In every detail as his eyes followed the She held her head just a criffe. crowd. higher than usual when familiar faces looked up and saw her chatting with this stylish looking feilow in the corduroy knickers. In fact, when some of her Coon Creek friends came along. slip found it inconvenient to look their way, for she felt that in refined society their "Hello Mol!" would not be considered good form.

"How long have you worked here?" the tall follow naked her, shortening his stride to fall in with her little trip. Mollie, delighted to be called upon

for information, gurgled out everything she knew about the hop-fields; the advantage of being paid by the piece instead of the day, the amount the average picker could make a day, the weighing in the baskets, the processing in the kiln, the pressing and baling, and the joys of the dance given every Saturday night. Adding, for she could scarcely believe this discinguished fooking personage could be a common picker, like Mike Nolan and Pluny Smith, and the rest of them: "Are you visiting at Hoptown?"

"No," the fellow laughed, "I'm a cit izen, if I can stand these boastly hours. For the next few weeks I'm a son of the soil in order to till up my coffers for the next semester." This fellow reliabed the dilating power of the black eyest beside him, and Mollie, having studied Short Primer of Chemlatry, felt herself ou au intellectual level with this college senior. As they neared the camp she was

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bubbling, lightsome spirits. But, all too soon the music wa conscious of a double row of curious eyes possing at her from under tent topped, and there was a mad stambut tucking her chin up into pede for the counter, over which pink flans, lemonade and cookies were sold. The the air, she walked along as oblivious of them, apparently, as if she and this legglacd fellow, however, led the ranew friend were alone in a wilderness,

diant little girl out into the moonlight Before picking-time the next mornwhich had transformed the denuded ing it was thoroughly understood by redwood hop-poles into endless colonnil the tenters on Mollie's side of the nades. Regardless of her slippers and field that Nolan's race was run, and flounces, everything but the dominatthat Mollie had a new "steady" from ing presence of the man beside her, she "below," as the southern counties are strolled down the row on the rough have ground. When they regained the termed by the inhabitants of the northder It. buil room pro tem., the music had

Nolan, his wrath cooled by a night's struck into the long, swinging strains repose, became aware of this fact when of "Creole Bolles," Again they circled he waited at the usual trysting place by the first row of poles, and saw the round and 'round, never pausing for a weath until the music stopped.

tan sombrero looming up to the wake timpy little Mollie! This was be of the blue sun bonnet. The rest of the rief hour of triumph, and she carried day he was pursued by the cheerful it off with a high hand. Her Coon some things may be learned in this jibes of his friends about being thrown Creek friends, who were not too country which have not been known in down for a city "guy." Poor Mike, dazzied by her airs and graces, came China 6000 years .- Kansas City Star. ' ying in the thick timber at the foot of December and January. ...

whistled to their dogs, and sharted off for a three or four weeks' camp in the burst upon the scene, on the eventful down over her eyes she didn't care. But as she walked up evening, an animated billow of frills. the long, hot avenue alone, she met and flounces, and furbelows. Nolan, his high spirits restored, walk-As the frolle progressed, the tall

ing home with the red-haired Henessy fellow with his sumbrero under his cirl.-San Francisco Argonaut. true, watched the scene from the door with on antwood, wondering smil-, Covernment Control of Railways in Mexice is blg dining room that souted 500 tury pickent three thors a day had

The Covernment has purchased a such climatic conditions to fight. The infor part of the recent home of the Interoceanic Ballroad Company's fornia grizzly is 960 pounds. I have ounds, thus obtaining the controlling nterest in the road.

The bonds were bought at 90% per nt, of their cominal value, and hear interes, at the rate of D₂ per cent, ansmally. Payment was made from the reserve funds of the National Treas

In commenting on the transaction. as public press ways that the Presiiem and Secretary of the Trensury have been actuated by motives of the wild animals. stesi importance to the weifare the industries of the country, In seeking a profitable estiment for the reserve funds in he Treasury, but in trying to prevent he formation of "pools" and "trusts," ith a view of controlling the import and export traffic of the Republic, The Mexican Government being in control of a railroad of the first importance. the Icteroceanic Railroad, all treight discriminations to the lajury of ative manufacturing and commercial terests will be prevented.

The ratiroads of the Peninsula of tentan, Mexico, with the exception d the Southern Railroad, have recent offected a combination, to be oper d under one general management. and this has now been joined by the apany owning the general or "fiscal" wharf in the harbor of Progreso, there being left but one wharf, owned by the Canton Wharf Company," outside of the above combine.

The Tallest Corn.

The number of farmers in Missouri. Kansas and Okinhoma who this season valued the tallest corn is equalled only by the total number of farmers who planted that corn, and the tallest stalks have not been able to equal the ordinarily tall stories told about them General agreement, however, seems to give to John Martin, of Platte County. Missouri, the honor of raising the tall est coyn. He has exhibited stalks sev enteen feet high. They were growr from seed that had been sent to blur from Mexico. The only trouble about this corn was that it bore no ears. It all ran to length. Possibly on this account must he put out of the reckoning .-New York Commercial-Advertiser.

China's Confession.

The action of the Chinese Govern ment in sending a number of young iongoliana to different universities in America would seem to imply that

and told herself teen weeks, and when they come out in of a bear fight that was ever told can the spring they have to rustle over be much shead of the incidents that bundreds of square miles for food amid occur during a fight if it is a good the melting snows. So they soon beone. come skin and bones. It is a heavy

A PLOT FOR A NOVEL. One Offered Ready-Made For the Des-

classy the cubs. Now, the California perate Literateur.

A novelist in Boston - do not alugh. average weight of a full-grown Cali there are novellsts in Boston, yet, and actually living here-said to us the killed a few that went even to 1200. other day: "If I could only find a pounds. I have read stories of 1600plot." Here is a plot for him free of pound grizzlies, but there are no such charge, and the story is a true one: beasts. When you consider that an "In 1739 a lady-a real lady-came ordinary mileh cow weighs 700 pounds. into Birmingham, England, with a you see that 900 pounds of hear, when handsome equipage, and desired the that bear is maddened, roaring and landlord of the iun to get her a husclawing, is a mighty awing creature to band, being determined to marry someface, because a grizzly, for all of his body or other before she left the town. dumsy appearance, is as quick as a cat, The man bowed, and supposed her and is the most powerful of American ladyship to be in a facetious humor but being made sensible how much she

was in earnest, went out in search of "My advice to the number who wants man that would marry a fine lady to add the pelt of a great American without asking questions.

nonstreh of wild beasts to his collection "After many repulses from poor felof sportsmanlike trophics, is to seek his lows who were not desperate enough zame in the early summer months. for such a venture he met with an ex-On the Pacific Coust a grizzly's skin cise man, who said 'he could not be in a worse condition that he was,' and ac s the best in June. In Rocky Mounnin regions it is best a month later. cordingly went with the inn-keeper and In the autumn, even up to the time made a tender of himself, which was hey retire for the winter, their fur is all he had to bestow on the lady, who bot prime, and, again, having becom immediately went with him to one who gave them a license and made them oiling fat by gorging themselves on berries, they move about very little, man and wife, on which the bride gave and that mostly at night, so that a her spouse £200, and without more deaunter might he in a good locality for lay left the town and bridegroom to hem for weeks and never see more of find out who she was or unriddle this bein than their tracks. But in the strange adventure. Soon after she was spring, the minute a hear leaves his gone, two gentlemen came into the winter quarters he begins a censeless town in full pursuit of her; they had ramp for food. Then the wise hunter traced her so far upon the road, and will procure three of four old crippled finding the inn where she had put up, horses and kill them in some favorite they examined into all the particulars slaces among the foothills, where brain of her conduct, and upon hearing that is likely to travel. If one has three she was married, gave up their pursuit uaits, they should be placed about and turned back ive miles apart, and camp made with

"Truly, a noble dame, one worthy of n a mile or two of the middle one. a full length portrait in the gallery con-Early in the morning, and again at structed by Thomas Hardy.

vening, the nearest balt can be visited "Why did this noble dame offer her stoot, and the other balts can be self to the first comer? And why were watched on alternate days, a ten-mile the respectable males of the town so torseback ride being just good exercise backward? There was no hint of or the very weakest renderfoot. Great candal. Who were the pursuers? Did care should be taken in placing the she wish by one sudden marriage to porse balts. If possible, find a small escape one deliberately contrived and all entirely bare of timber or brush, repugnant? Was the excise man a which slopes steeply down to the west, pretty fellow in spite of his abject conit the foot of which is some heavy pine dition? Did she ever see him again? imber and brush, also water. Kill Did she ever regret that she had not he horse so that he will lie about fifty braved the world and lived with him? Perhaps the memory of her apparition vards below the brow of the hill, and haunted him; perhaps it aroused him to I you wish, cut three or four stunted doughty deeds. It's a pity that Mr. sines and stick them side by side on the brow of the hill so that they will Hardy has not accounted for her acfford a good screen when approaching tion and her fate with his grim irouy." he balt, or when sitting and watching -Boston Journal.

Where the Cod Are Found.

The records of the Great Bank of dways blowing from the west, and as he bear, once having found the balt, Newfoundland show that the cod leave will put in his time between gorges there entirely two months every year, WOMAN'S BLOUSE WITH "SLOT SEAM" EFFECT.

one and three-fourth yards fifty-two bines the narrow elongated fronts with inches wide. a circular frill that lives the sugges

Effective as Well as Fashionable.

smart. As shown it is of zibeline, it feature of advance styles and are both embroidered velvet, and is trimmed novel and effective as well as fashionwith pendants of black silk and able. The stylish blouse shown in the stitched with self-colored corticelli silk. large drawing is of pastel green alba- but the design suits all the season's tross with touches of black and white fabrics, the odd wrap as well as the given by black silk laid under the entire suit.

pleats, and stitching with white cortibeneath the pleats, leaving the mate- ing all edges. The sleeves are big and rial only.

fitted and closes at the centre front, but the basque portions, the fact being separately from the outside. The waist concealed by the beit which covers the consists of fronts and back that are seam. laid in narrow tucks, which are turned

toward one another in groups of two for the medium size is four and sevenand are stitched flat to form the "slot | eighth yards twenty-one inches wide, SCRIMS." The closing is effected beneath the left pleat of the centre group. and is invisible. The sleeves are in bishop style, but are arranged in "slot seams" at their upper portions which fall free to form soft puff's at wrists. The quantity of material required for the medium size is four yards twenty-one or twenty-seven inches wide, three and one-half yards thirty two inches wide or two and one-eighth yards forty-four inches wide

The Vogue of Gray.

For visiting and reception gowns there is nothing smarter than gray. It is the first choice of the present time Formerly gray was chiefly in use for spring and summer gowns, but this season it is chosen for winter. There are many shades of gray-steel gray satin or velvet, gray taffeta, "London smoke" broadcloth or plush, pretty gray zibelines, with here and there



BLOUBS JACKET

tufts of long, silvery hair woven into two and three-eighth yards forty-four the fabric: accordion-pleated chiffon inches wide or two yards fifty-two in a cool tint of pearl gray, gun metal inches wide, with fivo-eighth yard of the fabric; accordion-pleated chiffon camel's hair serge, Qucen's gray and velvet for collar, cuffs and belt.

"Slot seam" effects make a notable myrtle green, with collar and cuffs of

The jacket is made with a plain celli silk. Tiny black and white but- back, under-arm gores and fronts that tons decorate the fronts, each side of are in two portions, tay upper or cape the princess closing, and a tie of black portion being extended to form the edged with white and a black belt held stoles. Over the coat are arranged the by a silver clasp give a smart finish. circular frills, that are joined at the All waisting materials, wool, slik, linen edges of the cape portions at the front and cotton are, however, appropriate but are simply applied over the back. and when desired the waist can be ren- cuff's at the wrist which match the dered still simpler by omitting the slik the stitched trimming strap conceal

in bishop style, finished with roll-over The foundation lining is smoothly collar. To the lower edge are seamed

The quantity of material required

tion of a cape and is both novel and